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ALPHA WRECKED
NINE MEN LOST

Unlucky Steamer Goes on the Rocks in Baynes Sound in the Storm on Saturday Night.

Samuel Barber the Owner, His Brother, Captain Yorke and Three Engineers Are Among the Drowned.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.—The steamer Alpha is at the bottom of Baynes Sound. She crashed against the rock at the base of the lighthouse on Yellow Island, and nine brave fellows went to the bottom with her. She was bound for Japan with a cargo of 700 tons of salt salmon, consigned by Messrs J. E. Macrae, Johnson & Burnett, Jin and Tamura, and worth \$20,000. Nothing remains of the good ship above the surface of the water. It was the intention of the captain of the Alpha to put into Union for coal on Saturday night, but the big blow caused him to change his mind, and the steamer became so unmanageable that she attempted to make Baynes Sound for shelter. On Yellow Island, at the head of the strait, is a lighthouse to warn off ships. The unfrequented strait had to be made by passing to the left behind the light. The wind was too strong and the Alpha piled up on the rocks, a hopeless wreck. The terrific gale blew the waves clean over her as she gradually sank out of sight. There were 24 of a crew, including 14 Japanese. Those who desired to save lives and possibly save the ship, exposed themselves to the fury of the gale, and as a consequence nine of them were swept overboard and drowned. One of the first to perish was the owner of the steamer, Mr. Samuel Barber, formerly manager of the Imperial Bank in Calgary. Soon after his brother, Mr. J. H. Barber, the purser, met a watery grave. Several attempts were made to get a life line to the shore, and during these attempts the commander of the ship, Captain Yorke, lost his life. The ship sunk lower and lower and the engineers, giving up all hope of moving the ship off the rocks, rushed on deck to take command of the distracted crew. One after the other they were swept overboard and perished. They were First Engineer Matterson, Second Engineer Dunn and Third Engineer Murray.

An able seaman named Sullivan, who was conspicuous in his brave attempts to save the crew, also perished just before a heroic swimmer, whose name could not be learned, had made the life line secure. A stowaway named Crosby perished in making a similar attempt.

When the life line was stretched the remaining 25 of the crew, including the 14 Japanese, reached the lighthouse in safety.

The steamer Czar heard the news of the wreck at Union Bay from the survivors and brought it to Vancouver.

The unfortunate steamer Alpha sailed from here on Saturday morning at 5:30 a. m. She proceeded northward to the collieries to fill her bunkers with the disastrous result above recorded. Captain P. H. Yorke was in command. He is no relation to Frank Yorke of this city. He is married, his wife, it is believed, being a resident of Vancouver.

He came out from England on the steamer Tartar when that vessel was brought out for the C. P. R. three years ago, and afterwards went to the Klondike gold fields. On his return he spent some time in Vancouver before accepting the command of the Alpha.

With Captain Yorke on the bridge was R. B. Wilkinson, a young man of promise who resigned the position of third officer of R. M. S. Empress of China to become mate of the Alpha. He is unmarried. No mention is made in the telegraphic report whether he has escaped the waves. J. H. Brown, a sealing man of this city, was to have gone on the vessel as mate, but he resigned some hours before she made her first start for Japan from which she returned on the 7th. Samuel Barber, who was managing the trip, was well known in Victoria, as was J. H. Barber, his brother, who acted as purser of the vessel, and there are many personal friends in Victoria who will deeply regret to hear of their sad death. Of the engineers, perhaps the best known is Murray, who left a position as engineer of the Vancouver Electric Light works to join the engine room crew of the Alpha. Mr. Barber was looking for engineers to replace Gordon and Shires, the two deserters. Matterson and Dunn are thought to have hailed from the Sound. Sullivan and the drowned sailor

was shipped in Vancouver. Of Crosby, who is mentioned as a stowaway, nothing can be learned at present. The other unfortunate who perished is for the present unknown, and until further dispatches are received the name of the brave swimmer who gave his life in the attempt to furnish means of salvation for his comrades cannot be given.

The disaster which has befallen the Alpha writes into the annals of local maritime history. Since the now famous trip of the steamer to Cape Nome, from which port she returned in June last after having landed Canadian cargo, although that place was not made a port of entry, she was charged with smuggling in the United States courts and threatened with seizure when she went into American waters. She could, therefore, not be run to Skagway although there was a demand for such vessels, and she was placed on the northern British Columbia route. When the busy season ended and all the salmon was down, the owners looked for a business into which she could be put, and endeavored to make arrangements to sell the vessel. Failing this the charter was made to carry the cargo of salmon across the Pacific, and it was in the initial stage of this voyage that disaster came.

With her cargo of 600 tons of salted fish, some of which was in boxes and some, about half, thrown into the hold in bulk, the Alpha sailed from here on Wednesday, December 5th for Yokohama. She had gone but 200 miles when water was discovered in her hold, increasing in depth with alarming rapidity. The engineer, William Gordon, who is in jail here serving a sentence of ten weeks for desertion, reported the fact to First Officer Wilkinson, who at once ordered the men to the pumps. Owing to a breakage in the feed pipe the steam pumps could not be used, and the water seemed to gush on the pumps. When the steamer was in 10 fathoms, what at noon on Friday, December 7th, there were 18 inches of water in her hold and the firemen were standing in the water. There were also water in the engine room and elsewhere.

The water was coming into the hold as fast as the pumps could put it out for the greater part of the day after she tied up at the outer wharf, and then it suddenly ceased to come in. Here was something mysterious, and investigations were made by the ship's company, which ultimately resulted in a charge being made against an engineer who had opened one of the sea connections, as has been told in detail in these columns.

The Alpha was an old steamer. She was built by Barclay & Co. at Glasgow in 1863, and was, therefore, 37 years of age when she was lost near Yellow Island, which is about 15 miles below Comox. The Alpha was an iron steamer of 653 tons gross, and 614 tons net tonnage. She was 22 1/2 feet long, 27 1/2 feet beam, and 14 1/2 feet deep. Her engines, which were built by J. & G. Thomson, of Glasgow, were of 99 H. P. Before coming to this Coast in the summer of 1897 to join the fleet of steamers carrying freight and passengers to Skagway and St. Michael, she ran from Halifax to the West Indies, for Messrs. Pickford & Black. It was on their account that she came out here in the first instance. After being engaged in the Klondike trade for some time, she was sold to Capt. J. D. Warren and others, and operated by them in the northern business, and was owned by this company when the initial preparations were made for the first and last Nome trip. Samuel Barber, one of the victims of the present disaster, then came into the company and purchased many of the shares. Capt. Warren afterwards sold out his shares to Mr. Barber, and then Mr. Genelle, of Seattle, came into the company, and the steamer was practically owned by Messrs. Barber and Genelle when she made her trip to Nome, which, although unfortunate in that it hampered the after business of the steamer, was a money-making trip.

The cargo was insured. As to the steamer, though, there was no insurance on her, she will, therefore, be a total loss.

Murray, third engineer, is remembered as the sole survivor of the wreck of the tug Standard, which was lost off Cape Mudge seven or eight years ago. Murray, who was engineer of the tug, managed to keep himself afloat until rescued on the engine-room door, which had broken adrift when the vessel was wrecked. He spent all night on the door, and was almost dead from exhaustion when found next morning.

This disaster is the only one reported as a result of the great storm of Saturday night, although several narrow escapes were reported, and vessels were all more or less delayed. The collier Occidental and the United States revenue cutter Bear had a narrow escape from a serious accident in Seattle harbor on Sunday morning. The Occidental was at anchor in the lower part of the bay, but the wind caught her and she began to drag her anchors. For several hundred yards she drifted slowly at the mercy of the gale, bearing down upon the Bear, which lay anchored to a buoy off the wharf. For a few minutes a collision seemed inevitable, but the Occidental was gotten under control when but a few yards from the Bear, and was towed back to her former anchorage.

The gales are believed to have been part of the series of storms which have been sweeping the Pacific Coast for several days. The storms were widespread. The Amur and all the Lynn Canal steamers are overdue, the City of Topeka being reported lost on Lynn Canal, as told in another column. The

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General Kitchener Reports a Hundred Brabant's Horse Prisoners of Boers.

Administrator Resides at Johannesburg But Capital Question Still Unsettled.

Four Men of "D" Battery Sentenced For Looting Military Stores.

London, Dec. 17.—General Kitchener, in a despatch received by the war office, confirms the Associated Press despatch from Aliwal North, Cape Colony, announcing the capture of a detachment of Brabant's Horse on December 13th, near Sasfontein, Orange River Colony, and says 107 men were made prisoners on that occasion.

The colonial office in announcing that Sir Alfred Milner succeeds Lord Roberts as administrator of the conquered territory in South Africa, says his taking up his residence at Johannesburg on account of his health must not be regarded as a settlement of the capital question.

Capetown, Dec. 17.—Seven hundred Boers have crossed from Orange River Colony into Cape Colony, near Aliwal North, and have reached Kaapdaal.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A batch of South African reports was received at the militia department today. Colonel Evans gives an interesting account of the engagement on November 2nd near Belfast, in which Lieut. Chalmers was killed and Major Sanders wounded. He pays a high tribute to the gallantry of Chalmers, who was formerly inspector of mounted police.

Major Hardman, reporting doings of "D" Battery, mentions four non-coms and men, all from Ottawa, were degraded and sentenced to 84 days imprisonment for breaking into and stealing military stores.

WRECK OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA

She Went Ashore on Sullivan Island on the Way From Skagway.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—The Pacific Coast steamer City of Topeka, Captain Olesen, was wrecked on December 8th while on her way down from Skagway. She was lightly loaded and a terrible gale was running. She struck on the southeast end of Sullivan island on what seemed to be a table rock. All the passengers were taken safely ashore, and 22 of them with the purser and freight clerk, came down on the Dolphin. She has two large holes stove in her through which the sea washed in and out of her. Her chances of being saved entirely on the weather. If the calm weather lasted through the week she could have been safely got off and taken to Juneau. No lives were lost.

The City of Topeka, reported lost in Lynn canal, was built at Chester, Penn., in 1884, for some Boston people, but was sold a few years afterwards to the Atchafon, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad and sent to the coast about 1886. Later she was secured by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. She is 198 feet long, 35 feet beam and 12 feet deep of hold. She has been on the Alaskan route for a number of years, having replaced the Corona in 1888. She ran north regularly during the Klondike rush, and in August, 1898, was ashore, and it was thought for a time that she would prove a total wreck. She was, however, saved, and after being repaired, resumed service. She was several days overdue when the news arrived of her loss.

ANOTHER COAL STRIKE.

Twelve Hundred Miners Cease Work in Pennsylvania.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 17.—Twelve hundred men and boys of the Natal colliery, operated by the Shamokin Coal Company, struck to-day because 15 blacksmiths and carpenters had not been given the 10 per cent. increase in wages.

NANAIMO WATERWORKS

By-Law Carries By a Large Majority—Drowned at Nanaimo Bay.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 17.—The Waterworks Purchase Loan By-law, to borrow \$125,000, was carried to-day by 152 majority. The vote was 270 for, 127 against.

A young Vancouver man known as Gus was drowned off Mistaken island, Nanaimo Bay, on Saturday afternoon. He tried to go out in a flimsy cedar skiff, cod-fishing, and was seen at the height of the gale bailing out his boat. When next seen he was standing up in the boat, and then jumped. The skiff and man were never seen again. Fishermen put off to the rescue, but in vain. The drowned man was only 22 years old, and came here from Vancouver with a companion, who has gone north. Search is being made for the body.

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Royalist's Long Passage

Sugar Steamer Is Now a Month Out From Japan.

Will She Have to Burn Sugar Cargo as Did the Alagonia?

A three masted steamer passed up last night, which for a time was thought to be the Royalist. It, however, turned out to be the steamer Glenhurst for the Sound. The sugar steamer Royalist is making a long trip indeed, from Moji, the last port at which she called in the Japanese inland sea. She sailed from the coaling port of Japan on November 17th and is now out 31 days. In view of the very heavy storm from every point of the compass reported by the Empress of India and Olympia, which arrived last week, it was expected that the sugar ship would be delayed, although none expected that she would delay more than 25 days for the passage, which in itself is a long trip from Moji—the passage usually occupying 2 days at the most in favorable weather. While no anxiety is expressed for the steamer, which will no doubt weather the storms all right, there is some apprehension for her cargo, for in the event of her coal bunkers being emptied, which in view of the long passage she is making, is very likely, she would have to burn her woodwork and then when this fuel had been exhausted the furnaces would have to be fed with sugar, which is a valuable fuel for a steamer.

Such a predicament would not be new. It is not two years ago since a sugar ship from Java with cargo for the same consignees to whom the sugar cargo of the Royalist is billed—the B. C. Sugar Refinery—arrived in port with part of the sugar cargo used to bring her home. This steamer was the Alagonia, which reached here on February 23rd, 1898. She was delayed, and not having sufficient coal on board had to burn all her woodwork with the exception of the boats, after which the hatches were raised and the sugar was used for fuel until she arrived at Esquimalt, where sufficient coal was secured to take her to Vancouver. The Alagonia had used spars, boom and other wood until the steamer looked rather bare. Then for two days she burned the raw sugar, which the engineers said, made very good fuel.

The Buckingham, the last sugar ship to arrive, came in without having to use sugar or wood for fuel; she was thought by 22 days from Japan. Like the Buckingham, the Royalist is to become a United States transport when she arrives and discharges her sugar cargo at Vancouver. She will carry 4,000 tons of sugar, 4,300 tons of Manila. She is bringing 4,300 tons of sugar. Her total carrying capacity is 5,000 tons.

TO SHIP A MATE.

Captain Whitley Leaves by the Willapa to be Married at Port Simpson.

Steamer Willapa will sail for Naas and way ports tonight. She will have among her passengers a number of miners, who are the staff of workers already at work developing the rich copper and gold properties of Princess Royal island. The miners will embark at Vancouver. Another passenger will be Captain W. H. Whitley, master of the steamer Boscowitz, now tied up for an overhauling. Whitley is brother of the late Captain W. H. Whitley, who was killed in the battle of Manila. The lady who is to be Mrs. W. H. Whitley is Miss Caroline Stryker, head nurse of the hospital at Port Simpson, where the ceremony will take place. Captain Whitley is well and favorably known in Victoria and elsewhere in the province, and many of his friends will offer congratulations. Before taking command of the Boscowitz, he was on the steamer Thistle and prior to that was engaged in sealing. He was navigating master of the British government expedition which sailed to the Hudson Bay from the Atlantic coast to ascertain the feasibility of running a railway from Churchill to connect with a railway from Winnipeg. The expedition sailed in the steamer Diana under command of Captain Wakeham.

FROM NORTHERN PORTS.

Willapa Returns With News From Northern Coast Points—Drowning at Rivers Inlet.

Steamer Willapa returned on Sunday from Naas and way ports after a very stormy trip. She had among her passengers Capt. Bonnar, the Skeena river navigator, who is down to arrange for the construction of a new hull for the river steamer Monte Cristo. It is intended to take the engines out of the little river steamer and use them in a larger one. This decision is because of the damage done to the Monte Cristo on her last trip up the northern river, when she was delayed so long by striking on a rock and by grounding in places owing to the lowness of the water. The Monte Cristo had a very

THE MINERS SOME FEET.

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successful season, her light draught making it possible for her to run after the large steamers. The steamer was built by Peter Herman, the owner, who with his family returned from the Skeena, reports that he will make additions to the wharf at his cannery next season by building 100 feet along the river and for 40 feet out. Other passengers were Mrs. Stephenson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Holliday and family, Mrs. Welch, George Heaton, Oliver R. Howston, C. Cousin, F. Cook, M. M. Conner, J. McCulloch, J. Findlay, R. H. Pidecock, A. H. Pidecock and G. A. McFavish.

News was brought by the steamer of the drowning on December 6 of the 9-year-old son of Basil Menzies, son of H. Menzies, former wharfman at Turner, Beaton & Co.'s wharf here, and now a resident at Rivers Inlet. With his brother Harry, a 6-year-old, the unfortunate child was playing on some drift logs on the beach. The tide being high and rolling the logs as it swept in, the two children were thrown into the water and carried out with the ebb. Teddy, a 12-year-old brother, heard their cries and rushed down to the beach. He succeeded in bringing the younger child from the water, but could not secure Basil, who floated past him on the water as it swept in. Basil did not struggle, which led his parents to believe that he was stunned by the fall. As there was a scar across his forehead, and both cheeks and ears were blackened, this belief seems to be borne out. The head was jammed between two logs.

Steamer Coquitlam and tugs Alert and Hope were sighted in Quatsino Cove, where they were sheltering from the storm, the two tugs having booms of logs. All were bound down.

PHEASANT IS SAFE.

The rumor published in the evening paper some days ago of the loss of H. M. S. Pheasant, with all on board, is dispensed of by the receipt of despatches from Colon, Colombia, telling of the arrival of the sloop-of-war at Panama on Saturday. From what source the rumor came it was impossible to learn, but at Esquimalt there was never any anxiety on account of the vessel.

THE SALMON FLEET.

The delayed ship Ilala, now on the way from Montevideo, where she put in after being dismasted by storm, and was delayed for quite a time, will not carry salmon. The five vessels which were coming, the Ilala will carry grain to the United Kingdom from Tacoma. Of the five salmon ships, four have sailed, the Clan Mackenzie, with 69,451 cases of salmon; the Ardnamurchan, with 73,758 cases; the Fiery Cross, with 51,000 cases, and the Naiad, with 44,270 cases. The Mackinaw is still loading on the Fraser.

LAST MONTH'S SHIPPING.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Rithet & Co. for November, just issued, says: "The freight market has continued steady during the month, rates for grain vessels being slightly lower towards the close. For lumber tonnage there is a good enquiry, but without any change in quotations. For the season of the year business keeps brisk."

Two salmon vessels sailed in November and the Naiad is about ready to proceed to sea. (She has since sailed.) The Mackinaw, now loading on Fraser river, will take the balance of the season's pack. Freight rates are quoted as follows: Grain, San Francisco to Cork, 42s. 6d.; Portland to Cork, 1. 0. 46s. 3d.; Tacoma to Cork, 1. 0. 42s. 6d. to 46s. Lumber: British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 52s. 6d.; Melbourne or Adelaide, 60s. 6d.; Port Pirie, 58s. 6d.; Fremantle, 70s. 6d.; 3d.; Shanghai, 65s.; Kiao-Chau, 70s.; Tientsin, 75s.; Canton, 65s.; West Coast, S. A., 61s. 3d. to 62s. 6d.; South Africa, 75s.; U. K. or Continent, 87s. 6d.

MARINE NOTES.

The Alaska Steamship Company's swift steamer Dolphin, which left Port Townsend at 8 a. m. yesterday, with 140 passengers from Skagway. As the Dolphin sailed for Skagway on December 9, she made a very quick round trip for this season of the year. She again sails for Skagway on December 13, and will be home for Christmas. Amongst her passengers tonight will be Mr. A. G. Smith and Mr. J. K. Macrae of this city, bound for Dawson.

The Cunard line steamer Umbria arrived at New York yesterday morning, according to C. P. R. bulletin.

After being stranded for some hours the steamers Yosemite and the Naia came in from James island, where they had sheltered, on Sunday morning. Steam collier Telus passed up yesterday morning from San Francisco.

The Lorne returned from the cape on Sunday after towing out the bark Naiad. The Lorne proceeded to Lismouth for coal and returned yesterday. The bark Naiad did not put to sea owing to the storm, but was towed into Clallam Bay, where several vessels are sheltering, including a United States revenue cutter, which has been there for three days.

Foresters Entertain.—A social dance was given last evening in K. of P. hall by the social clubs of Courts Vancouver and Northern Light, A. O. F. There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The club will give their next dance on January 23.

Natural History.—The Natural History Society last night decided to cooperate with the Geographic Board of Canada in determining the proper spelling of names of places. A committee will meet the Farmers Institute to-day in reference to the importation of song birds, the object being to select a list from the farmers' and fruit-growers' point of view. Canon Beaudin submitted a fossil shell, and Dr. Newcombe presented some Indian implements, and Mr. Herbert Carmichael gave particulars of an Indian rock inscription at Harrison lake.

His Arm Cut Off.—An accident on the Esquimalt road cut a blue-jacket his right arm last night. In crossing the road near St. Paul's church he stumbled on the tram rails and got badly bruised. Just then the 10 o'clock Esquimalt tram came grinding down the hill. The injured man had barely time to roll, while the motorman had no time to stop power to stop his car, and as it plunged onward the arm that lay across the rail was crushed so badly that it was almost severed from the shoulder. The poor fellow, whose name at that late hour could not be learned, was carried to the naval hospital for treatment.

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Mr. Hall Calne, Author of "The Deceiver," "The Man," "The Christian," etc., when speaking on "Criticism," recently said:

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Sealed tenders are invited by the undersigned for the purchase of a group of valuable mineral claims, known as the "ROSE MARIE GROUP," consisting of 5 claims, namely, Rose Marie, No. 1, Rose Marie No. 2, Rose Marie No. 3, Rose Marie No. 4 and Rose Marie No. 5, situated on the Elk River, about one mile above its junction with Kennedy Lake, in the Clayquot Division of Alberni District. The said claims are equipped with plant and machinery consisting of two Tremaine Steam Mills, one Willey Concentrator, one Rand Converter, three Drift Power, with Air Receiver; one Drilling Engine, with Dredge; one small Engine for driving Concentrator; one 60-horsepower Roller, and an Automatic Wire-Roped Aerial Tramway, all in complete running order. The ore is transported on Kennedy River by a steam launch and barge to the head of Kennedy River, which is about one-quarter of a mile from salt water. Tenders may be handed to the undersigned on the 12th day of January, 1901, at noon, when they will be opened by us. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. For further particulars, apply to COVANN, KAPPELE & McEVOY, 537 Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C. Solicitors for the Liquidator of the Rose Marie Mines. Dated at Vancouver, this 5th day of November, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that in virtue of an Act of the Dominion of Parliament, passed in 1871, and Chapter 103 and Chapter 104, of the name of the MERCHANTS' BANK OF HALIFAX will be changed to

"THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA"
From and after the second day of January, 1901.

E. L. PEASE,
General Manager.
Halifax, 1st November, 1900.

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NOTICE.
In response to a requisition signed by ten members, a Special Meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held at the Council Chamber, at the City Hall, in the City of Victoria, on Thursday, the 27th day of December, 1900, for the purpose of meeting officers and such other business as may be considered necessary, and to arrange for an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Victoria in September next.

Dated the 11th day of December, 1900.
W. F. BEST, Secretary.

IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Bank of British Columbia for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to Lot Forty-Three (43), Fairfield Estate, Victoria City, and Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block Seventy-Five (75), Victoria City.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above hereditaments will be issued to the Bank of British Columbia on the 10th day of March, 1901, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an interest therein or in or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 4th December, 1900.

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NEW AND DURABLE STYLE of bamboo work at Kawai & Co., 56 Douglas st. a20

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Anchorage-Anchorage Line Dec. 22

Monfort-Beaver Line Dec. 21 Dec. 22
Lake Champlain-Beaver Line Dec. 28 Dec. 29
Lake Megantic-Beaver Line Jan. 4 Jan. 5

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Ivernia-Cunard Line Dec. 22
Utah-Cunard Line Dec. 29

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NOTICE is hereby given that by order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, dated 3rd December, 1900, administration of the personal estate, effects and goods of the above named David Dale, deceased, was granted to Samuel Sea, Junior, and Sarah Elizabeth Sea, the executors named in the last will of the said David Dale. All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid to the said executors at 89 Douglas street, in the City of Victoria, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented, duly verified, to the said executors at 89 Douglas street aforesaid, on or before the 8th day of January, 1901.

S. SEA, Jr., SARAH E. SEA, Executors of the estate of the above named David Dale, deceased.

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

All new advertisements and changes of advertising, to ensure their being inserted should be handed in to the business office not later than 6 p. m. Advertising will be accepted up to 8 p. m. at the business office, but insertion cannot be guaranteed. For urgent advertising after 8 p. m., consult the Night Editor.

THE MEMORIAL.

The proposed Paardeberg Gate, so far as we have observed, has been received with universal approval. The Times thinks it will be adopted by the citizens, and there appears to be little room for doubt on that score. It is important, however, that there should be a large meeting to-night in the City Hall, so that the memorial project may have the impetus which comes from an enthusiastic beginning.

Considerable money will be called for to carry out the proposal, and perhaps less will be needed for that recommended by the committee than for any other suitable memorial. The subscription ought to be as general as possible, and the citizens ought to understand that it is something in which all are alike interested. Nor should the interest be confined to Victoria. We hope as many of our Esquimalt friends, as well as other residents from outside the city, will make an effort to be on hand at the meeting. It is too much, of course, to expect that persons from a distance can be present, but we take this opportunity to say that the people of Victoria will heartily welcome the co-operation of people everywhere who would like to testify their appreciation of the patriotic action of the members of the First Contingent, as well as of the principle established by the volunteering of our boys to serve the Empire in South Africa.

THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

The business houses of Victoria, which cater for Christmas trade, never presented a more attractive appearance than they do this year. Indeed, many of them would be considered noteworthy in the character of the goods displayed and the taste exhibited in decoration in cities of much greater pretensions. This is an excellent sign. The business men have their fingers on the pulse of the community, and we may feel sure that they believe trade can be secured for they would not make such exceptional showings. The truth is that business here is very buoyant, and everyone looks forward to the future with a great deal of hopefulness. The whole community seems impressed with the idea that Vancouver Island is on the eve of a prosperous season. Then people feel fairly easy financially because of the prosperity experienced during the past twelve months. Victoria got a hard blow during the small-pox epidemic, and it was only beginning to recover from it when the Klondike rush began. This greatly accelerated the recovery, and the result of better times is reflected in the display of Christmas goods and the freedom with which people are buying. The newspaper columns show the feeling of the mercantile community. We do not suppose there ever was as much purely mercantile advertising in the papers of this city as during the last month or two.

THE MECK AND LOWLY HEN.

No poet has yet arisen to sing the glories of the hen, but this is perhaps due to the fact that this useful bird does her laying for herself. Dr. Watts, or some other hymn writer, speaks of the moon "taking up her wondrous lay," but the Queen of night simply is not in it with the Queen of the barnyard, and the beauty of the latter is that she lets other people take up her lay. This train of thought is suggested by the statement in the London Times to the effect that the number of eggs imported into the British Isles in ten months runs up in the billions. The string of figures would convey no particular idea to any one, but it may be mentioned that the eggs, if laid end to end, would reach twice around the world. This is only the importation for ten months, and in addition to this tremendous quantity, there is the home product to be taken into account, which must vastly exceed the importations. The Canadian bird is working over time but she is not able to keep pace with the demand for her products. She produces enough and more

than enough, but they are not properly distributed. Thus there are 400,832 dozen eggs imported into Canada during the last fiscal year, of which 282,744 dozens came to British Columbia and 118,242 went to the Yukon. Allowing ten dozen as an average yield for each hen, this means that the British Columbia and northern market call for the annual product of over 40,000 hens. But in this matter, as in some others, the East gets the better of us, for there were exported from Canada last year nearly 10,000,000 dozen of eggs, which means that fully a round million hens were doing their share towards swelling the volume of trade in our favor. The place of the meek and lowly hen in domestic and political economy has never been fully appreciated. But this much is obvious from the above figures, namely, that no one need hesitate about going into the egg producing business in this province for fear of overstocking the market. Indeed, it seems to be a line that is very far from being fully supplied, and there is no one line of food product which can be more largely used with better effect upon the health of the public.

THE PROVINCE SLANDER.

Rev. J. C. Speer ought to remember that half a truth is worse than an out-and-out falsehood. In his paper on "The Religious Outlook in Western Canada," read before the Toronto Ministerial Association, he makes some statements about this province which he cannot possibly substantiate. His reference to the people whom he calls "the mushroom aristocracy," are absolutely without warrant, for there is no class in the province setting up to be "landed gentry" who "can't grow enough on the land to feed a superannuated goat." Neither is there any class here who hate Canadians. It is also untrue that the sailors of Her Majesty's navy are a menace to morality. They are not nearly as disorderly as seamen in the merchant marine, and do not, except in a very slight degree, interfere with the peace and quiet of the community. Very rarely some of them may be disorderly, but they are always promptly looked after. There is a Sabbath observance here, though Mr. Speer says there is not. Doubtless there might be more of it, but as compared with the Western States, the Sunday laws are well observed. Nor is it true that the papers do not take a stand against the social evil, and Mr. Speer knows that it is not true. He speaks of a British Columbia paper having advocated clean government and having lost all its advertisements in a week. He should have named the paper, for no one here ever heard of it. Mr. Speer had a good word for the Chinese, and says that the unsanitary nature of their quarters is due to the civic authorities.

Mr. Speer may lament the lack of religious progress in the west, but if he is correctly reported he has shown that he himself needs to make a little progress of that kind himself. His paper makes the province appear unfit to live in and is a gross slander.

We learn from the Toronto Globe that W. A. Gallihier, M. P., of Yale-Cariboo, was one of the Canadian voyageurs who went up the Nile in 1885.

The Canterbury Outcrop recommends the "boys" not to forget that at Christmas time a letter to the "folks at home" is a good thing. So it is. We pass the recommendation on.

The announcement of the Times that the House will be called together on February 5th is wholly unauthorized. The date has not yet been fixed.

Much regret will be felt at the news of Mr. Justice Walkem's illness, and his hosts of friends will join with us in the hope that he may soon be fully restored to health.

The Industrial World wants a census to be taken in the West every five years and a redistribution of membership made thereon. The World will find an insuperable objection to this in the British North America Act, which can only be removed by the Imperial Parliament.

The manner in which the spread of smallpox was checked at Nanaimo and Extension reflects great credit on all concerned. The promptness with which sanitary precautions are carried out in this province, when once the authorities get a chance to work, is a source of great satisfaction, and creates a feeling of security among the people.

The Slocan Daily says the people of Nelson need some instruction in Labor principles, as applied to Dominion politics. We fear that there are other presumably intelligent people outside of Nelson, who need to be told what "principles" especially represented by labor candidates exist in federal affairs. Is not the notion that there are labor issues apart from other issues in politics very much of a myth?

The Kamloops Standard directs attention to the fact that in Victoria, where there was the most opposition to party lines in provincial politics, the Conservative candidates were elected, and that in Kamloops where the same opinion prevailed the Conservative candidate received a majority of the votes. This seems to show that what the Conservative party in British Columbia needed more than anything else was to be saved from its alleged friends.

The Vancouver World is tremendously exercised over the request that the provincial government should contribute something towards the cost of the Point Ellice Bridge, and thinks that if it does, a bad precedent will be set. There would be no objection whatever to the precedent that when a bridge is on a public highway, though within a city, the general government should contribute to its cost, in such a peculiar case as that presented at Point Ellice.

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8 ROOMED HOUSE, Oak Bay Beach, \$12.00.
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A NICE 'XMAS PRESENT!

A HAMPER OF WINES & SPIRITS.

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Wharf Street.

LAKE OF THE WOODS

FLOUR

Always Ask Your Grocer For

FIVE ROSES.

Dewet is a daisy. We hope he will be captured alive, in good health. A fellow who can do the fine things that he does ought to be honored by the men whom he is fighting against, when once he gives them the opportunity of doing so. The last two fights seem to have been very serious blows to the Boers. The commando which was defeated near the Orange river must be hors de combat; while Dewet's force must be terribly crippled. The latter will doubtless be hotly pursued. Dewet is probably aiming to get north so as to join hands with Botha.

It is said that a bill will be introduced into the House making it illegal for a member to accept a government position while holding a seat in that body, or within twelve months after ceasing to be a member. We do not favor the legislation of this nature. When the Liberals at Ottawa appointed members of the House to government positions we have objected, on the score that it was contrary to the alleged principles of the party, but we have never felt that there should be any general rule forbidding such appointments. It is true that a practice of appointing sitting members to official positions may be abused, but we all know that in point of fact it is not. If any government exhibited a disposition to employ patronage so as to influence the independence of the House, there is sufficient public spirit in the country to render it impossible to do so, or at least to oust from office the men who were guilty of it. On the general proposition it is not desirable that the Crown should be restricted in its selection of competent men for office. The old practice in the provinces before Confederation was to appoint the attorneys-general for the time being to vacant judgeships, and no one ever supposed that any harm was done by it.

There has been no mail from Seattle since Saturday, and there will be no letter mail from the Puget Sound cities delivered here until this afternoon. This is an inexcusable state of things. The Alaska Steamship

Company say that they asked at Seattle for mail for Victoria, when it was found that, owing to the severity of the storm, the Utopia had to cancel a trip out of Victoria, but the officials said they had no authority to send the mail over by the Rosalie. We are not complaining of the failure of the Utopia to make her trip, for the weather was such as fully excused cancelling it; but we do think—and so will every one else—that when a mail has been missed and a steamer is available to bring it over from Seattle, arrangements should be made for bringing it. This seems to be something which the Inspector can arrange. We do not speak in any fault-finding way, but simply to say that such a state of things ought to be guarded against in future, if it is possible to do so.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

"Let me express to you my surprise and appreciation of the handsome reduction made in the premium of the policy I hold in The Mutual Life of Canada." These were the words used by a prominent citizen of Victoria in a letter addressed to R. L. Drury, provincial manager of The Mutual Life of Canada. This old reliable company has no interests to serve except those of its policyholders, who alone receive all the profits. A policy in the Mutual Life of Canada proves an increasing source of satisfaction. It will pay you to see their rates and plans before insuring elsewhere. Call on or write the provincial manager, R. L. Drury, 31 Broad street.

THE FOUR GUESTS.

A knock at the door—but he
Was dreaming a dream of fame;
And the one who knocked drew softly back,
And never again he came.
A knock at the door—as soft—
As soft—as shy—as a dove.
But the dreamer dreamed till the guest was gone—
And the guest was Love.

A knock at the door—again
The dreamer dreamed away
Unheeding—deaf to the gentle call
Of the one who came that day.
A knock at the door—no more
The guest to that door came.
Yet the dreamer dreamed of the one who called—
For the guest was Fame.

A knock at the door—but still
He gave it no reply;
And the waiting guest gave a cheery hail
Ere he slowly wandered by.
A knock at the door—in dreams
The dreamer faint would grope,
Till the guest strode on, with a humble
sigh—
And the guest was Hope.

A knock at the door—'twas loud
With might in every stroke;
And the dreamer stopped in his dreaming
thought,
And suddenly awoke.
A knock at the door—he ran
With the swiftness of a breath;
And the door swung wide, and the guest
came in—
And the guest was Death.
—Josh Wink, in Baltimore American.

Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey is called for everywhere. It is the drink of the people.

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Have just been opened by us, containing with others, the following bargains:

The World's Best Books, Bound, 1/2	Ward Locke's Books for Boys bound as above,50
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Popular Poets, Bound, full padded leather, gilt line and title, gold upon red edges, wonderful value.	Oak Leaf Classics, beautiful edition of higher class literature50
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Popular Poets, full leather	Superbly Bound Copies of the Poets and Late Masterpieces	\$1.50 to 6.00
Cloth Poets	Toy Books, Mother Goose, Fairy Tales here50
Ward Locke's Books for Girls, bound ribbed cloth, gold titles and fluted cover, illustrated, best value ever here	Nursery Rhymes, etc., etc.	10c. to 1.50

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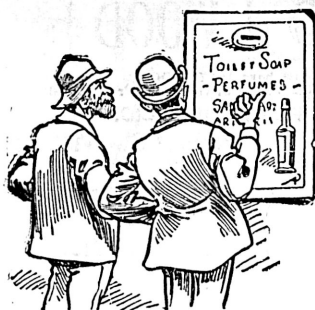
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CITY POLICE COURT.

Two Sessions Held by Magistrate Hall Yesterday—Number of Cases.

Both morning and afternoon sessions of the city police court were held yesterday, the number of cases not being so great, but some of them requiring a lot of time. In the morning, Lulu Hall, who pleaded guilty to the charge of being an inmate of a bawdy house, was fined \$50; and two drunks added \$25.00 to the revenue. Peter Peterson, for assaulting a Jap, contributed \$10. The two had had words in the Jap's restaurant, and Peterson, to get even, destroyed the sign on the window. The Jap remonstrated, Peterson struck him, and then the police took a hand.

The longest case of the day was that in which Ah Tim figures as defendant, he having used a knife on a fellow-celestial. After Dr. Frank Hall had testified that the wound had been a very serious one, an artery having been severed, the case was again remanded until to-day. Already two lawyers retained for the prosecution have dropped out because of the apparent hopelessness of securing a conviction, the victim proving a hostile witness. Chief Langley, however, is sticking to it, and is hopeful of sending Ah Tim up for trial.

Charles Robinson, arrested by Constables McDonald and Carson, charged with having in his possession a patent cork-drawer, the property of Messrs. Pither & Leiser, was also remanded until to-day.

No owner having appeared for the pair of new lacrosse shoes found in the possession of a Chinaman, the information was dismissed.

GIRLS CENTRAL CADETS.

Eight Companies Will Compete for a Trophy Offered by Colonel Gregory.

The grounds of the Central school will present quite a martial appearance on Thursday afternoon, when the Girls' Central school will compete for the very handsome silver trophy presented by Lieut. Colonel Gregory for the best drill company. There will be eight companies in line, numbering all told two hundred young ladies. They have been receiving extra instruction in drill from Major Williams, and can march, wheels, form fours and go through various military movements that would challenge the admiration of regulars. The contest will be keen one and Major Ross Monro, who is to act as judge, will have no easy task.

The competition will be preceded by battalion drill, and should the weather be unfavorable for work in the open, the drill shed or the school ground will be utilized. The young ladies are very enthusiastic at their drill, and the discipline is so strict that even if the dreadful whisper were round that "hats are not on straight," not a "man" would budge—the severest test possible for the fair sex. The hour for the parade is fixed for 2 o'clock. On Sunday the Girls' Central will entertain their friends to a short programme of Christmas music at 2:30. Among other prominent guests will be Sir Henri and Lady Joly.

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Men's Dressing Gowns.....	9 00 to 12 50
Men's Bath Robes.....	5 40 to 6 75
Men's Fancy Suspenders.....	50 to 1 50
Men's Driving Gloves, "Dent's".....	1 00 to 1 25
Men's "Alexander" Kid Gloves.....	1 00 to 1 50
Men's White Shirts.....	40 to 2 00
Men's Cardigan Jackets.....	1 90 to 3 50
Men's Wool Sweaters.....	2 00 to 2 50
Men's Traveling Rugs.....	3 40 to 6 75
Men's Leather Brief Bags.....	3 25 to 4 25
Men's Dress Suit Cases (20-inch).....	8 25 to 8 75
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Fur Lined Gloves.....	1 00 to 1 50
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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
3:00 a m.	9.0 feet.	3:30 p.m.	8.7 feet.
6:50 a.m.	7.6 feet	6:50 p.m.	8.0 feet.
11:00 p.m.	10.0 feet.	12:10 p.m.	9.8 feet.
6:40 p.m.	2.5 feet	7:20 p.m.	2.1 feet.

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AUCTION SALES.—All Advertisements for Auction Sales will be found on Page 3.

Choir Practice.—The weekly choir practice at St. Andrew's church will be held on Wednesday instead of Friday evening this week.

Court Vacation.—The Christmas holidays of the Supreme court will commence on Monday next and continue until January 3, both days inclusive.

Not Legal.—Complaint has been made to the police that Indians have been selling salmon trout and young salmon under three pounds weight. This is contrary to the fisheries regulations, and action will be taken against the offenders.

These Assisted.—At the recent sale of work in aid of St. Mark's church, the following ladies served at the stalls: Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Goodwin, Miss Miller and Miss Maynard.

Removed to Home.—Shakespeare, the old colored man who was removed from the Jubilee Hospital to the police station last week, was yesterday admitted to the Old men's Home. He was quite a character, making a living for years by playing his violin in saloons and in winter, when the skaters were out on the ponds, around the city.

Last night another large audience witnessed the "Searchlights" moving pictures. This programme shows The Tug of War, High Diving, Finnegan's Finish, The French Military Carousal, Rival Billiards, and the Galveston Wreck, showing how Galveston looked 24 hours after the cyclone. Open from 1 to 5 and 6:30 to 10. Continuous entertainment for ladies, children and gentlemen. Admission 10 cents.

Farmers and Roads.—The Central Farmers' Institute met this morning, and after electing Mr. Graham chairman and Mr. Hadman secretary, Mr. Anderson, the superintendent, made an address. A resolution was then adopted that the members of the Good Roads Association be invited to meet the delegates of the Central Farmers' Institute at 2 p. m. to-day at the office of the Department of Agriculture. Members of the Good Roads Association are therefore requested to take note of the time and place of meeting.

High-Class Poultry.—Two pens of pure-bred White Plymouth Rock chickens have lately been imported from the United States by Mr. H. P. Johnson, of Oak Bay avenue. The birds are fine specimens of their class, a good many having been purchased from W. R. Fisher, of Hope, Indiana, who won several prizes with the birds in New York at the fall fair. Mr. A. G. Gilbert, of the experimental farm, Ottawa, who gave a series of lectures here some time back, said that the White Plymouth Rock was the most suitable fowl for this climate, and it was on his recommendation that Mr. Johnson imported the chickens.

Organ Recital.—Despite the inclement weather on Sunday evening there was a large congregation at St. John's church, where, at the conclusion of Evensong, the third of the Advent series of organ recitals was given, and those who had braved the elements had the satisfaction of hearing a good selection of sacred music. Miss Jamison was in good voice and sang "The Holy City" very effectively, and Miss Arison gave a most artistic rendering of the contralto solo, "Eye Hath Not Seen," which had a violin obligato by Mr. Jesse Longfield. Mr. Hicks' fine bass voice was heard to advantage in "The Star of Bethlehem," while Master Bertie Foster played a cello solo by Schubert, with very good taste and expression. The organ solos were played by Mr. Longfield and one by Mr. Jesse Longfield in their usual style.

Destruction of Property.—Early Saturday morning, some persons took the car from No. 126 Belleville street. They carried it a little way along the street and finally deposited it on the grass opposite Mr. C. E. Redfern's residence. The ground near the gate is very much trampled upon and judging from the size of the footprints, it is thought that some boys are the culprits. They next turned their attention to Mr. Redfern's residence and knocked off nearly all the ornamental tops to the fence. Several of the tops were left on Mr. Pendray's lawn, and then the boys proceeded further along the street to No. 72, where they broke the rails of the fence in several places, finally finishing up by taking away one of the ornamental tops of a new fence in front of the residence next to No. 72.

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They Favor
The Scheme

Meeting of Members of Societies Approve of Proposed Hospital Ward.

Referred It to the Lodges to Find Who Will Contribute.

The Sunday afternoon meeting in the A. O. U. W. hall approved of the hospital scheme put forth by the federated board. There was not a large attendance, the bad weather keeping many indoors, but more than a hundred of the members, both male and female, of the federated and other societies, turned out, and while a lot of criticism was indulged in, all warmly favored something in the way of additional hospital accommodation, and, with the exception of Mr. Aaron Lewis, all appeared to favor its taking the shape of a societies' ward.

Though called primarily to consider this proposition, the meeting afforded opportunity for the officers of the board to publish their respective reports, which covered the ground leading up to the federation, as well as the workings of that body during the year.

The president submitted the following report: Officers and Members of the Federated Board and Members of the Friendly Societies: In submitting this, the first annual report, permit me to thank you for the many courtesies extended me during my term of office, and to express a wish that the same harmonious relations will exist on the incoming board, and that the same kindness and consideration be shown to my successor in office. The unanimity of the board on the many matters that have been brought before it has been conducive to the best interests of the members of the friendly societies.

It is one year since we were, as a board, called into existence by the action of the British Columbia Medical Association, whose members formed a combine against the chief interests and benefits accorded to members of our several fraternal orders. Their action was directed against the very principle by which we are chiefly bound together—the providing of medical assistance in time of the emergency and sickness.

The Medical Association felt themselves so secure by reason of the protection of the existing act, that they coerced several unwilling medical men to sign the round robin requesting them to desist waiting on members of the fraternal societies. The societies found themselves face to face with a combination that was unique in the history of society management. No body of men had previously taken advantage of an act generously given them in the interests of the public good. But, brothers, as you are aware, this was the state of things at the beginning of the year.

However, we are pleased to state that we have been enabled to furnish you with the medical and surgical aid, without interruption, thanks to our senior medical officer, whose efforts have been untiring on our behalf.

Until something is done in the way of so altering the existing act, we shall always have the chief principles of fraternal societies menaced. The legislative committee have waited on the government with the object of having the objectionable features of the Medical Act eliminated. The members of the cabinet went into our requests in a very gracious and interested manner, and promised their consideration to our desires. The peculiar state of political affairs and the backward state departmental work was the excuse given for lack of action on their part.

Later one of the cabinet was deputed to attend to the matter, and our request was presented to him in the following manner. This, we felt, was interpreting the feelings of society members, and would remove the cause of friction. That the Act be altered to allow of any member of the medical profession to practise in the province conditionally on his having obtained his degree in a British university, and that he has been in actual practice this last three years, and that he can produce letters or proof of identification and good character; these conditions being complied with, he to be exempt from further examination. The moderation of this request, we feel certain, will commend itself to the government, and we have every reason to hope that our wishes will be met at the next sitting of the house.

A number of other questions of interest were discussed.

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They Favor The Scheme

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Interest to the members of societies have been taken up by the board during the year. The question of extending medical privileges to the families of members of societies have been under consideration. Owing, however, to the absence of Dr. Gibbs from the city, and the impossibility of procuring further medical assistance, no progress has been made. Minor matters, such as graduated contributions, uniform laws in the administering of medical benefits, the abuse of medical benefits by members of friendly societies, a bureau for the registration of the unemployed members of societies, are items for consideration and working out by the incoming board.

The provision of hospital attendance for our members has had the unmitigated attention of the board for several months. The details have been furnished by circular, and which you will be asked to approve or disapprove later this afternoon. I cannot too strongly urge upon the members of the societies the necessity for close combination and the necessity of co-operation if we are to maintain the medical privileges heretofore enjoyed, the loss of which would deprive our members of the protection they have been providing for years. The extraordinary action of the local medical men in using their power against members of friendly societies, with the avowed intention of taking away medical aid in time of sickness, and perhaps misfortune, demands that we stand firm in this matter. Your board and the delegates have endeavored to keep this matter before the public, and have inaugurated a series of lectures of an educational sort. In this we have received the support and sympathies of a number of our best-known citizens, who have shown an active interest in the societies' welfare by placing their services at our disposal. I would ask that all present here this afternoon record their appreciation of such services.

During the last year your board have been hampered through the lack of proper communication with many members of the various societies, and especially the absent members of the lodges represented, who form, unfortunately, the largest percentage. Lack of several items of information, and also the sympathy of some of the lodges with the efforts of the board, militate against the success of any movement or action adopted for the protection of interests of extension of privileges. This is a matter worthy of your consideration this afternoon.

The members represented on this board have been charged with exceeding their duties and going beyond the purposes for which they were elected. They have endeavored to perform faithfully and well the duties entrusted to them, and to interpret your desires in the direction best calculated to serve the interests of the great body of members we represent; and recognize that, in giving attention and consideration to furthering the many matters affecting our interests and the betterment of which we have done the work which, in the time allowed in the ordinary sessions of the lodge, it is impossible to do. We have been actuated in all our deliberations by a desire to protect existing privileges. Our motives have been only for your consideration, and our chief desire to extend the present system of fraternal co-operation, and to unite the members of the various societies in the true bond of a benevolent, charitable and fraternal brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,
W. H. PRICE.

By the recording secretary this statement was then read:

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15th, 1900.
To the Officers and Members of the Federated Board:
Dear Sirs and Bros:
Appended is a list of lodges represented on this Board and the names of representatives. During the past year 18 meetings have taken place besides a number of committee sessions. The attendance on these occasions by the delegates has been satisfactory, the interest, harmony and good will at all times prevailing. The interest taken in the various matters brought before us was most enthusiastic and all have labored energetically for the protection of interests and the furtherance of any plan of co-operation tending to alleviate misery and suffering.

The resolutions passed at the last societies' reunion, held at Nanaimo, together with a statement of the present antagonism between the medical association and the secret societies has been printed and distributed among the various lodges in the province, and also to the leading newspapers on the coast and in the east; letters have been received expressing a sympathy with the societies in the present movement and developments are watched with great interest. The financial backing of the favored classes, however, renders the question of medical protection an uphill contest. The determined efforts for

preservation by the Board are of little avail, without the active co-operation of each member affected. This can be accomplished by the circulation for signatures by lodge members of the petition now being prepared for presentation to the Legislature, calling for an amendment to the British Columbia Medical Act, and also of supporting any movement inaugurated by the Board to attain the desired end.

The grievance committee of the Board has not been called upon during the year to investigate any case of unsatisfactory attendance upon members by the lodge physicians. This shows that the medical service arranged has been most satisfactory to the lodges.

I beg in conclusion to thank my brother members on the Board for the courtesies and assistance extended me during the term just ended, and hope that the initiatory work of the first year will be carried to a successful conclusion by the incoming Board.

Fraternally submitted,
PHIL R. SMITH,
Recording Secretary.

List of societies represented and name of representative:
Pride of the Island lodge, S. O. E., Bro. S. H. Brakes.
Alexandria lodge, S. O. E., Bro. W. Jones.
Daughters of England, Bro. W. Bull.
Court Vancouver, A. O. F., Bro. Phil. R. Smith.
Court Northern Light, A. O. F., Bro. W. Johnston.
Companions of the Forest, Bro. T. C. Smith.
Juvenile Foresters, Bro. J. Sherbourne.
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Dominion lodge, I. O. O. F., Bro. Geo. Jones.
Court Cariboo, I. O. F., Bro. C. R. King.
Milton lodge, S. O. S. G., Bro. W. H. Price.
Daughters of St. George, Bro. J. C. Richards.
Daughters of Ruth, C. O. O. F., Bro. P. T. James.
Local Dauntless lodge, C. O. O. F., Bro. J. Tazze.
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President, W. H. Price.
Vice-President, J. Tazze.
Financial Secretary, A. Graham.
Recording Secretary, Phil. R. Smith.
Treasurer, Frank Taylor.

Summary of moneys received from lodges for the year and moneys expended, from February 1 to September 30, 1900:
Daughters of England \$ 33.00
Daughters of Ruth 35.40
Daughters of St. George 24.25
Companions of the Forest 33.40
Alexandria lodge, S. O. E. 129.75
Pride of the Island lodge, S. O. E. 100.00
Fernwood lodge, C. O. O. F. 102.50
Local Dauntless lodge, C. O. O. F. 99.00
Milton lodge, S. O. S. G. 98.25
Victoria lodge, I. O. O. F. 478.50
Columbia lodge, I. O. O. F. 173.50
Dominion lodge, I. O. O. F. 23.50
Juvenile Foresters 152.75
Court Cariboo, I. O. F. 142.75
Court Northern Light, A. O. F. 382.00
Court Vancouver, A. O. F. 425.25

Total \$2,174.45
The report of the financial secretary was then submitted as follows:
To the Officers and Members of the Federated Board:

Dear Sirs and Bros.—I beg herewith to transmit the estimated receipts and expenditures of the federated board from February 1 to December 31, 1900. The amount expended on behalf of lodges represented on the federated board for medical services is from February 1 to the quarter ending September 30, the figures for the last quarter not being available until the second week in the new year.

The amount paid the lodge physicians amounted to \$2,174.45, this sum representing the contribution of 1,125 members in standing and entitled to lodge services. The total estimated receipts is \$2,284.95. The expenditures being \$2,279.30, leaving a balance on hand of \$55.65.

In estimating the receipts, a management assessment of \$2.50 is levied for the last quarter, making a total assessment of \$7 for the management expenses to lodges during the year. This assessment will necessitate a higher rate in the incoming board will have to make provision for room rental.

It would facilitate matters and afford prompt payment of current expenses, if lodge secretaries would remit amounts due immediately after their quarterly meeting in the quarter. The board could then meet all obligations incurred without making straggling payments.

All of which is fraternally submitted,
A. GRAHAM.

The hospital scheme was placed before the meeting through the distribution to all present of a copy of the following open letter:
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 14th, 1900.
Dear Sirs and Bros.:

At a special meeting of the federated board, held Saturday, November 11th, the question of hospital accommodation for the sick members was taken up and the report of the special committee thoroughly discussed. A unanimous expression prevailed as to the desirability of co-operating toward securing by small contributions hospital privileges. From an interview with the Jubilee Hospital directors it was learned that no concessions could be made by the society with the present crowded condition of that hospital, which it appears cannot accommodate the ever increasing demands made upon it. It is necessary, therefore, that an addition will have to be made to the present buildings by the erection of a new ward, for use by the members of the various lodges. The amount required to furnish 18 or 20 beds would be in the neighborhood of \$7,000, of which \$3,500 would have to be subscribed by the lodges. It is anticipated that \$500 can be raised by the federated board by lectures and social entertainments during the next year, leaving a balance of \$3,000 to be provided for by subscriptions or contributions.

The special committee appointed by the federated board have recommended that each member of the various lodges in the city contribute \$3.00, payable in monthly sums of 25 cents, for one year, taking the basis of membership represented on the board at 1,000, would net the \$3,000 required. The society would be completed within the year and ready for occupation at the end of 12 months. A maintenance contribution after the first year of ten cents monthly would enable society members to receive hospital attention without further contribution, leaving a member's sick benefits in the hands of the lodge, for the support of those who have been dependent upon the efforts of the afflicted.

We believe the plan as outlined will be another step forward and would be appreciated by every member of the societies, and an additional inducement for joining the co-operative privileges offered by these societies are not of us. It is also in intention to allow orders to be presented on the federated board to avail themselves of the plan above detailed.

PHIL R. SMITH,
Recording Secretary,
Federated Board.

Upon this a very general discussion took place. On several sides complaints were made because more details of the scheme had not been furnished. Several thought too that the ten cents per month to be paid to the Jubilee Hospital management would be insufficient as a sum for a maintenance fund. Behind all these, however, the great question as to whether 1,000 members could be got to come into the arrangement and how their fees were to be collected led to a lot more talk, without, of course, any conclusion being reached. It was stated that the contribution to the scheme was a matter for the individual members rather

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er than for the lodges making up the federated societies, and that the \$120 per year would be in addition to the fees now being paid into the various treasuries. Regarding the proposed meeting the meeting was assured that the government contemplated bringing in a bill regarding the grants to be given towards the erection of hospitals. This would probably be on the plan of dollar for dollar and so \$7,000 could be had if the federated societies could raise one half of it. Besides all that the city was now face to face with the fact that the present hospital accommodation, was quite insufficient. The discussion, which was taken up by Messrs. Wilby, Bragg, Aaron, Lewis, Leves, Fullerton, Bell, Maynard and others, was concluded by the passage of the following resolution:
Moved by P. W. Dempster, seconded by J. Bragg and carried: That the meeting is in favor of the proposed hospital scheme and that the matter be referred to the lodges to ascertain the number of their members who are willing to contribute the same.

Reverend Messrs. Barber and Wilson conducted the religious exercises of the afternoon, both gentlemen delivering very timely addresses upon the principles of the work in hand, and with the usual votes of thanks the meeting broke up.

MEETINGS AND AMUSEMENTS.

The Victoria theatre will doubtless be crowded to witness the inauguration of "A Stranger in a Strange Land," to-morrow night. This is the same play that last season scored a great success at the Manhattan theatre, New York. The play is the production of Sidney Williams and Walter Vincent. The cast includes Will and Friend, Chas. Drake, E. J. Mack, Chas. Deland, Frank Gorman, Chas. Lum, Jos. Cusack, May Anderson, Beatrice Norman, Estella Wilcott, Otille DeLano and others. The scene of the play is laid in England, the plot telling of a young man, sent to America, with the hope of his relatives, that a little bit of "roughing it" will settle him in his habits. He pretends to have purchased a cattle ranch near Buffalo, and in order to verify his story, when he returns home, induces a young friend to impersonate an Indian. His uncle discovers the deception, and desiring to aid the nephew, obtains a simon-pure Indian from a patent medicine dealer, and when the tumult article and the genuine meet, the complications begin. The play is said to be one great laugh from beginning to end.

The sacred concert which is to take place on Thursday in St. Barnabas' church promises to be a treat. The following vocalists and instrumentalists will take part: Misses Annelle Russell, Armon, Harris, Terse; Messrs. Brown, Gideon Hicks, Rausch and Longfield. The concert will start at 8 o'clock.

On Thursday and Friday evening, December 27 and 28, a grand tournament and assault-arms will hold the boards at the Philharmonic hall. The programme is an interesting one, and consists of bouts with swords, bayonets, fells, single-sticks, quarter-staves, gloves, etc. The competitors are all experts, the most proficient men of H. M. navy, the Royal Marines, Royal Engineers, Royal Canadian and Fifth Regiments taking part.

Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., meet to-morrow. One of the most advanced to the Golden Rule degree, and a number of applications for membership will be received.

There will be a meeting of the Veterans' Association at Pioneer hall, Friday evening, at which papers will be read by Capt. Mitchell, on the Crimean war, and by Mr. Thos. Harmon, on the bombardment of Kagoshima, Japan, 15th and 16th August, 1863, by the British fleet.

A WORD TO WOMEN.

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TO THE EDITOR—
VICTORIA BURGLARY INSURANCE.

Sir:—There are, no doubt, by this time, a few citizens who would stand by the council if, while so busily engaged in the consideration of the Memorial, James Jay flats in such extent, but what good will it do if the people who can benefit by the same will not go to the expense of connecting therewith. When the sewer was laid on North Park street, in 1898, I was informed by the late sanitary officer that I had to connect with same, and I did so most willingly, but some others did not, and have not yet done so, and I am informed by the present sanitary officer that he has no pov-

SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Sir:—I notice a short editorial in the Colonist in which reference is made to an extension of the sewerage system to Spring Ridge. I entirely concur in the idea of such extension, but what good will it do if the people who can benefit by the same will not go to the expense of connecting therewith. When the sewer was laid on North Park street, in 1898, I was informed by the late sanitary officer that I had to connect with same, and I did so most willingly, but some others did not, and have not yet done so, and I am informed by the present sanitary officer that he has no pov-

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er to compel them so to do, although he is aware that foul smells sometimes emanate from the surface drain. I would suggest that before any more money is expended in this direction that the necessary authority be obtained to enable him to compel the owners or occupiers of houses to make the connections.

J. P. WALLS.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

Grand Forks, Dec. 15.—The shipments for the past week of the Boundary district mines are:

B. C. Mine, Summit Camp 1.40
Hammill Hill, Brown's Camp 500
Jewel, Long Lake 60
Knob Hill and Ironsides 4,200
Mother Lode, Deadwood Camp 500

Total 6,110
This makes the total shipments to date from this district amount to 106,705 tons.

ROSSLAND ORE OUTPUT.

Roseland, Dec. 15.—The ore shipments for the week are 6,435 tons, and for the year to date 214,836 tons.

The shipments this week were:

Le Roi 1,173
Carrington 2,112
Le Roi No. 2 31
Iron Mask 135
Giant 552
Spitzee 22

Total 6,435

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LOCAL NEWS.

Friendly Help.—The committee on Christmas work of the Friendly Help Society wish to remind visitors to hand their lists in at once. The rooms in the Market building will be open every day this week.

For Coffee Fund.—The firemen made a splendid fight last Thursday to save Mr. Pendray's property, and in recognition of this fact Mr. Pendray has sent a check for \$20 to Acting Chief H. McDowell of the fire department, for the coffee fund.

New Official.—A position in the office of the manager of the E. & N. railway here has been accepted by W. R. Bow, formerly of the C. P. R. Bow, formerly of Vancouver. George Bow, formerly of the local C. P. R. ticket office, and now travelling agent between North Bend and Vancouver, is W. R. Bow's father.

Good Roads.—This afternoon at 2 o'clock the Good Roads people met over at the Department of Agriculture. President Deane and a large number of delegates are over from the Mainland and altogether a large turnout is expected at this most important meeting.

Help Wanted.—A good deal of work is going on over at the Drill Hall in preparation for the regimental ball on Friday night. Those having the matter in hand are anxious that more assistance should be given to the matter, and as many as possible to lend a hand this morning at the work of decoration and floor laying. "Bring your hammers for they're scarce," is also on the orders of the day.

Visiting Railroaders.—A party of Great Northern railway officials spent Sunday in Victoria on a purely pleasure trip. They were: W. H. Dunwoody, Samuel Hill, C. M. Amidon and F. A. Smith of Minneapolis; Francis McLennan of Montreal, and F. W. Tancing of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. George A. Brackett, formerly mayor of Minneapolis, who built the wagon road through White Pass, accompanied them.

Sons of England.—From the account of F. H. Brakes' speech at the S. O. E. B. Society's annual banquet, which was held last week, the following were mentioned in that order: the grand lodge verily omitted from the grand lodge statement of that order for 1899: Amount of cash received from the lodges \$85,823.18; amount paid for funeral expenses, \$11,086.21; for sick benefits, \$27,555.47; for medical attendance, \$20,380.78; balance on hand, \$26,200.62.

Normal School.—Only 13 candidates appeared yesterday morning at the new Normal school examination. This was conducted at the Victoria High school by Superintendent Eaton, who reports that by tonight the examination will be finished. Its severity is about equal to that of an old third class teacher's examination.

Law Exams.—At the Law Society examinations held here last week, some 11 candidates appeared. Of these nine were up for their final, four being English lawyers, three from other parts of Canada, and two being students of this province. There were two candidates up for the intermediate examination besides.

Borne to the Grave.—There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs. John Parker, which took place yesterday from the residence, 57 Kane street. Services were conducted by Bishop Criddle, assisted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The pallbearers were Messrs. Russell, W. Sr., J. Newbury, Thomas Russell, W. Anderson, A. McGregor and R. J. Russell.

Pure Bred Stock.—Final orders for the second consignment of pure bred stock to be imported by the Dalrymple Association have recently been sent east to and at Reformed Episcopal church, where Dominion Live Stock Commissioner Hobbs, to whom the first lot was selected, bought and shipped. That lot which was sold by auction at the Royal Agricultural Exhibition at New Westminster in October last, proved a most successful venture and gave ample justification to the association to repeat its effort in bringing pure bred stock to this province. The lot now ordered are expected to arrive at the Royal City, where they will be sold about the end of January, and every effort is being made to bring the finest class of cattle distribution throughout the province at that occasion. At that sale it will be open for local breeders to view, and pure bred stock to be listed in time to be included in the official catalogue which will be published for that occasion.

At the Schools.—The High school entrance examination commenced yesterday morning at the South Park school. There are 32 boys and 27 girls taking the examination. The subjects in the morning were Canadian history and anatomy; in the afternoon, mental arithmetic, geography and British history. The number of pupils from the different schools was as follows: Boys' Central, 13; Girls' Central, 12; Victoria West, 12; South Park, 5; St.

Louis College, 5; Cedar Hill, 2; and North Ward, 10—making a total of 59. The examiners were Superintendent Robinson, Miss Cameron, Miss Williams, Mr. McNeill and Mr. Gillis. An attempt will be made to conclude the examination to-day. Next Thursday evening the pupils of the High school will hold an "At Home," commencing at 8 o'clock. During the evening two young ladies—Misses White and Chapman—who passed the associate of arts examination for McGill, held here last July, will be presented with their diplomas. The following programme will be given: Piano solo, Mr. Fred Wood; recitation, Mr. F. Finch-Smith; piano solo, Miss A. Redfern; song, Mr. E. H. Russell; piano solo, Miss N. Wilson; recitation, Miss M. Tully; song, Miss L. Nute; piano solo, Miss B. Roberts; violin solo, Miss G. Shrapnel; song, Mr. E. H. Russell. The different schools will all close on Friday—some in the morning and others in the afternoon.

Mrs. Casse's Funeral.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Casse on Sunday was attended by many friends, and the services at the family residence, Esquimalt, were very impressive. Rev. J. E. Vichert and Rev. Mr. Hicks officiated, assisted by the choir of Calvary Baptist church. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Whithycombe, S. Campion, W. Wriglesworth, W. Russell, J. Strachan and J. Andrews. The flowers were very numerous and were sent by the following, including a wreath from Mrs. Casse: Mr. and Mrs. Broderick, cross; Emma's Mission school, wreath; Victoria West Mission school, anchor; wreath; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. deKockard, wreath; Mrs. Mould and family, heart; Mr. and Mrs. F. Bailey, wreath; Mr. and Mrs. Frith, cross; Mr. and Mrs. Stenler, wreath; Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, wreath; Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Nolan, wreath; Mr. and Mrs. Gray, wreath; Miss Campbell and Mrs. Waite, flowers; Mrs. Bowden, flowers; Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, flowers; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin, flowers; Mr. Wriglesworth, flowers; Chin Chu and Chin Guy, wreath. Mr. Casse feels very grateful for the sympathy shown him in his bereavement, and desires to express his appreciation of the kindnesses. Delegates Appointed.—Victoria will be represented at the delegates' meeting in connection with the British Columbia Forest and Gun Club by W. A. Ward and P. C. Burton. The meeting will be held in order to discuss the game laws and decide what course shall be adopted with a view to their improvement, and to suggest means of enforcing them.

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The continuation of Santa Claus' interesting communications to the children of Victoria will be found in The Westside's announcement on page 5.

Only one week to Christmas, and it is necessary to make good use of the time. To this end Challoner & Mitchell offer some very pertinent remarks in their advertisement on page 1 of this issue.

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ON WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 17.—The surface indications in today's stock market all go to show that stocks were in very active course of transfer from the hands of strong to those of weak holders. The culmination of a rise invariably presents this very condition. What was evident to-day was that the powerful and skillful manipulation was at work to make the opening prices as high as possible, to meet the flood of outside buying orders, which was certain to come into the market after last week's events. Later in the day various attempts were made to hold the market by making up the prices of individual stocks. As the fact became more and more evident that the sustaining force of those individual movements was taken advantage of to continue the unloading of heavy lines of long stock, the professional element on the exchange turned to the bear side. They were successful in forcing a sharp reaction, much reducing the gains that had been largest and comparatively wiping out those that only reached moderate proportions. Manipulations developed at the close again, to rally the market by bidding up Northern Pacific. The shorts were buying to cover elsewhere, so that the closing was generally steady with the further course of the market very unsettled. Even with the net changes in prices to-day very small, the profits on last week's advances are on an enormous scale. The facts seem to be that strong banking interests provided themselves long since with ample resources to take advantage of the reactionary tendency of stocks incident to the December period, to absorb very heavy amounts of the various railroad stocks, which have figured most largely in the stock market of recent days. As to large and effective was this buying, as to come the natural reactionary tendency in the market and to prompt the speculative public to rush to secure stocks. Outside of the opening general advances ranged up to between one and two points. The most striking later advances were in the New York public utilities, led by Brooklyn Transit and Met., the Erie stocks and a number of the minor Vanderbilts. Amalgamated Copper also developed notable strength, showing four points. The excited bull market was a striking contrast to the panic of a year ago, when the contraction of the money supply was forcing stocks upon the market at any sacrifice in order to meet the calling of loans.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

American Tobacco	110 1/4
American Sugar	124 1/8
Amesbury	48 1/4
A. T. & S. F. pfd.	43 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	80 1/4
American Steel & Wire	81 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	81 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd.	80 1/4
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77 1/2
Canada Southern	60 1/2
C. & O.	38 1/2
Chicago Burlington & Quincy	139 1/2
Chicago Gas	98 1/2
Chicago & Northwestern	169 1/4
Rock Island	117 1/4
C. M. & St. P.	132 1/4
Continental Tobacco	37 1/2
Continental Tobacco pfd.	91 1/4
Con. Gas	100 1/2
C. C. & I.	52 1/2
C. C. & I. pfd.	70 1/4
D. & L. & W.	101 1/2
D. & H.	122 1/2
D. R. G.	122 1/2
D. R. G. pfd.	20 1/2
Federated Steel	53 1/2
Federated Steel pfd.	78 1/2
Gen. Electric	171 1/2
Gleason	53 1/2
Illinois Central	126 1/2
Jersey Central	140 1/4
Kansas & Texas	40 1/4
L. J. & W.	43 1/4
Louisville & Nashville	81 1/4
Man. xl.	113 1/4
Missouri Pacific	62 1/4
Metropolitan Traction	173 1/4
National Lead	21 1/4
National Lead pfd.	93 1/4
Northern Pacific	78 1/2
Northern Pacific pfd.	81 1/4
New York Central	142 1/4
Ontario & Western	28 1/2
Pacific Mail	123 1/2
Pacific Steel	42 1/2
Reading	51 1/2
Southern Railway	10 1/2
Southern Railway pfd.	60 1/2
Tennessee Coal & Iron	42 1/2
Texas & Pacific	22 1/4
Twin City	70 1/4
U. S. Leather	14 1/4
U. S. Leather pfd.	75 1/4
U. S. Rubber	28 1/4
U. S. Rubber pfd.	80 1/4
Union Pacific	75 1/4
Union Pacific pfd.	83 1/4
Wabash	12 1/4
Wabash pfd.	24 1/4
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By order of the Trustees, FRANK H. EATON, Secretary, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13, 1900.

Corporation of the City of Victoria

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 19th day of December, 1900, at the City Pound, situated on Chambers street, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, I shall sell by public auction the following animal, viz: One white horse, unless the said said animal is redeemed and the pound charges paid at or before the time of sale.

F. CURRAN, Pound Keeper.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10th, 1900.

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec. 70 to 1/2; Jan., 70 1/2 to 3/4; May, 73 1/4. Corn—No. 2 Dec. 38 1/2; Jan., 38 1/2 to 1/4; May, 39 1/4. Oats—No. 2 Dec. 21 1/2; May, 23 1/2 to 3/4.

THE METAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Pig iron, dull; Northern, \$14 to \$16.50; Southern, \$13.50 to \$15.70. Copper dull; broker, 17; exchange, 17. Lead dull; broker, 4; exchange, \$4.37 1/2. Tin weak; straight, \$26.25; nominal. Plates quiet. Spelter dull; domestic, \$45 to \$42.00.

DAILY MARKET QUOTATIONS.

New York, Dec. 17.—The following quotations ruled on the reduce Exchange to-day:

Wheat	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	78 1/2	79 1/4	78 1/2	79
Corn	42	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/4
May	126	126 1/2	124 1/2	124 3/4
Ann. Tob.	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4
People's Gas	100 1/4	100 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4
C. M. & St. P.	132 1/4	133	131 1/2	132 1/4
C. R. & P.	111 1/4	111 1/4	109 1/4	109 1/4
Manhattan	111 1/4	111 1/4	110 1/4	110 1/4
C. R. L. & P.	118	119	117 1/2	117 1/2
B. R. T.	70 1/2	71	70 1/2	70 1/2
A. S. F. pfd.	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	80 1/2
A. S. F.	42 1/2	43 1/4	42 1/2	42 1/2
B. & O.	82 1/2	83 1/4	81 1/2	81 1/2
L. & N.	85 1/2	86 1/4	85 1/2	85 1/2
U. P. pfd.	82 1/2	83 1/4	82 1/2	82 1/2
U. P.	75 1/2	76 1/4	75 1/2	75 1/2
Con. Tob.	37 1/2	38 1/4	37 1/2	37 1/2
Feit. Steel	53 1/2	54 1/4	53 1/2	53 1/2
Nor. Pac. com.	71	72 1/4	70 1/2	70 1/2
Nor. Pac. pfd.	78 1/2	79 1/4	78 1/2	78 1/2
T. C. & L.	63	64 1/4	62 1/2	62 1/2
A. & S. F. com.	42 1/2	43 1/4	42 1/2	42 1/2
Western Union	87 1/2	88 1/4	87 1/2	87 1/2
A. S. & W. xl. pfd.	100 1/4	101 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4
A. S. & W. xl.	15	16 1/4	15 1/2	15 1/2
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By steamer Willapa from the North: Mrs. W. Robert, Miss Brown, Miss Nelson, Miss Kenny, Miss Galtman, Miss Madigan, Miss Porter, Rev. Dr. Wilson.

By steamer Rosalie from the South: Mrs. Lenx, Mrs. Lenx, L. Whitworth, J. W. W. Jones, L. P. P. Jones, H. W. Brown, Mrs. Joiner, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. C. Van Brundt, P. F. Miles, E. McCoy, H. A. Burnett, F. M. Loux, C. M. Hardin, Max Weiss, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Cuthbert, T. J. Dunneigh, W. Sehl, Mrs. James, Mrs. D. Forest, Mrs. Filford, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Master Smith.

By steamer Princess Louise from Vancouver:

Anna Kathern, St. Pierre, Dr. Morris, C. W. Bowman, J. H. Taylor, W. Westford, Capt. J. S. Gibson, W. T. Scott, H. Webb, M. DesBrisay, Miss A. R. Damsy, R. Jameson, Jas. Dick, C. W. Munro, M.P.P., H. B. Gilmore, N. Lenx, D. P. Marpole, W. Hutchison, W. P. Rogers, R. P. Gibson, Col. Warren, J. W. MacFarlane, S. Tracey, Mr. Kidd, M.P.P., J. Horne, R. L. Chalmers, H. L. Proctor, Miss Drakwater, H. Durand, C. Thompson, J. Knox, Mrs. Knox, Miss Knox.

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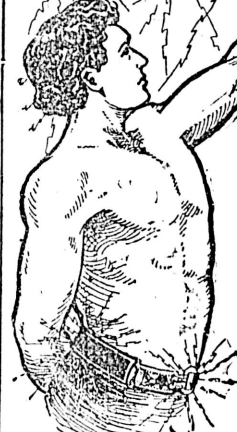
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 17-8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.



Unsettled and low barometer areas extend from Vancouver Island to the Great Lakes, while in Central California the barometer is highest and is gradually rising northward along the coast. A moderate southeast gale prevailed to-day over the Straits and Sound. Storm warnings were displayed at this station, where the wind attained an hourly velocity of 35 miles. Temperatures have been mild in this district, but higher in California and Southern Oregon. Moderate rain fell has been general over the Pacific Coast States, and light snow is reported from Central Oregon. In the Northwest the weather has been clear and temperatures have ranged from 14 to 44 above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	43	49
New Westminster	42	46
Kamloops	40	44
Barkerville	38	42
Calgary	26	38
Winnipeg	14	36
Portland, Ore.	38	46
San Francisco	46	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time),
Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh winds, mostly southerly; unsettled, with occasional rain; not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate southerly winds; unsettled and mild, with occasional rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	48	Mean.....49
Noon	47	Highest.....51
5 p.m.	46	Lowest.....45

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	16 miles southeast.
Noon	16 miles south.
5 p.m.	28 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Stormy.
Rain—10 inch.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.417
Corrected.....29.449

NEW WESTMINSTER.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	48	Mean.....49
Noon	48	Highest.....49
5 p.m.	46	Lowest.....43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	3 miles northeast.
Noon	24 miles southeast.
5 p.m.	38 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Unsettled.
Rain—08 inch.
Sunshine—2 hours 12 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.714
Corrected.....29.742

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SMALLPOX AT VANCOUVER

Two Mild Cases Discovered and Quarantined—Burglaries.

Vanouver, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Two brothers named Saint arrived from Skagway via Seattle some days ago, and put up at the house of their brother-in-law, Mr. Madison. They complained of being unwell and called in Dr. Pearson, who pronounced them suffering from smallpox. They were removed to the pest-house and the house quarantined. For three months Vancouver has ceaselessly worked, with the aid of the Dominion government in keeping out the disease, in vain. The affected men got in by way of Huntingdon. The cases are mild.

Rev. Robert Jaffray, head of the Chinese missionary association in South China, says he learned while in Hong-kong, en route to Canada, that Thibet had made overtures to Great Britain and Russia to open up Thibet to the commerce of the world. Thibet, being tired of being a vassal of China, asks for aid when China is crippled.

Robberies continue here almost nightly. Last night Matthews' furnishing store, corner of Cordova and Cambie streets, was robbed.

The residence of L. Thorner, Westminister, was entered and \$100 in jewelry secured while the family were out. Mr. Joseph Martin is ill. He had an operation performed for a diseased bone at St. Paul's hospital yesterday. The operation, it is said, will be successful.

DOWIE AGAIN.

Clergyman Takes Out Libel Suit Against the Zionite.

London, Dec. 17.—The Rev. William Deronden Pos is taking legal action against John Alexander Dowie, the Zionite of Chicago, claiming that he was libelled in the issue of "Leaves of Healing" in the issue of October 16, in which the Rev. Mr. Pos is accused of fraud and immorality. Counsel for the plaintiff described Mr. Dowie as a British subject, said he was now in Paris on his way to Switzerland, and asked for the court's permission to serve a writ out for its jurisdiction. Leave was granted, subject to Mr. Dowie having liberty to appeal against the order.

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HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

United States Senate Has Decided to Vote Upon It Next Thursday.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate has reached an agreement to vote on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty next Thursday, beginning with votes on the amendments at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

HOLD-UPS.

Bill to Endeavor to Suppress Train Robberies in the United States.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Ray, of New York, to-day introduced a bill for the suppression of train robbery in the territories of the United States and elsewhere. It provides the death penalty for those guilty of a "hold-up" in case the death of any person on the train results. In case no one is killed, the penalty is hard labor from 20 to 30 years.

JUSTICE WALKER ILL.

His Doctor Advises Him to Take a Rest From His Duties.

Roseland, Dec. 17.—(Special)—On Saturday evening Mr. Justice Walker, who has been holding court here continuously since November 12, was taken seriously ill, and, though in the middle of an important jury trial, was compelled to adjourn court until Tuesday. Yesterday his physician stated that Judge Walker was suffering from a severe attack of heart failure, and, while he would not compel him to abandon the urgent court work, is said to have advised him to take immediate rest. The present case is the last on the docket.

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The request of the Settlers' Association that it might amalgamate with the institute led to the making of a good many short speeches. From these it appeared that at Ladners, Kelowna, Chemainus and other points a multiplicity of organizations weakened the energies of the localities, and often to so serious an extent that the local institutes suffered. The life of the agricultural societies was insured by the fact that they were local property owners, and these might thrive while other equally valuable institutions withered under the cold hand of neglect. Various schemes of organization were suggested, amongst them one propounded by Mr. Philip, of Richmond, recommending that all should be united, though possibly working in different branches, viz., stockmasters, dairymen, horticultural, agricultural, settlers, etc., with the institutes. To this it was objected that such a body as the Settlers' Association by its very ends and objects should be excluded. That society was interested only in the getting of the lands and timber and the marketing of the latter. After many resolutions had been offered, it was resolved to leave the question to a committee composed of Messrs. Hadwen, Hutcherson and Raymur.

The name of the institute at Kelowna was also changed from Osoyoos to the Kelowna institute.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

That this subject should be taught in the public schools was well urged by Mr. Metcalfe. Almost everywhere else it was. In Saxony the matter was gone into most thoroughly; in England, Eastern Canada and Manitoba it was well covered, but in this province the matter was wholly neglected. In the debate which followed, great difference of opinion was disclosed. Mr. Philip thought that the teachers could not teach what they did not know, and few of them knew anything about agriculture. Mr. Stewart told of the \$5 prize offered to the school children of Nanaimo and Osoyoos for an article upon the noxious weeds growing there, but no one seemed to want the money. Messrs. Balfour and Palmer protested against having too many things taught at school. The list of subjects was a long one as it was. Mr. Anderson considered that a little knowledge of plant life was of great use in knowing the names of all the bones in the leg. He also spoke of the good effects of the work in Manitoba, where the schools taught boys something about noxious weeds. Mr. Shopland thought that it should not be made a subject, but that flowers and vegetables might well be grown in a corner of the school yard and the teacher have little talks about them.

In the end the resolutions of last year were reiterated by the unanimous carrying of a motion offered by Mr. Metcalfe, seconded by John J. R. Miller, which ran as follows:

"That whereas at the present time the teaching of agriculture and nature study in our rural schools is almost entirely overlooked, and therefore it is resolved that the legislature of the province should have a clause inserted in the Education Act making it compulsory to teach nature study in our rural schools, as was asked by the board last year."

Mr. Philip then brought in a resolution recommending the government to establish a model farm. A grant of 500 acres at Ladners, near Vancouver, would largely provide for the institution, at which both agricultural and veterinary education could be provided. Annual grants from the Provincial and Dominion governments would provide for its maintenance.

This was seconded by Mr. Deane, who spoke at length upon the Ontario college at Guelph, as did several other gentlemen.

Mr. Hutcherson, however, once a professor at the Ontario Agricultural College, amongst other things said that out of the 250 students he knew there, not one, to his knowledge, became a farmer. One of them now sold whiskey at Nelson, and the late Capt. Blanche, a veterinary surgeon was the nearest approach to the college's ideal.

Messrs. Hadwen, Stewart and others thought, however, that the movement was a premature one, though when the time was ripe doubtless the want would be provided for. After a good deal of discussion, an amendment offered by Mr. Hadwen, suggesting that the land be set aside for future use, was accepted.

ADVISORY BOARD.

This statutory body had never been created under the act. Its duty was to be that of a go-between for the department and the institutes, as well as to constitute the permanent executive body of the central institute board. Upon this question Messrs. Deane and Philip were appointed to draft a resolution, which was carried and the following appointments made: For Vancouver Island, Messrs. Hadwen and Stewart; for the Lower Mainland, Messrs. Balfour and Hutcherson; and the Upper Country, Messrs. Graham and Palmer.

FRUIT REPORT.

On fruit transportation Mr. Metcalfe had but little to say. Rates to Northwest points had been lowered, and fruit discharged in good condition. Mr. Graham spoke of the need for the services of a commissioner to investigate markets, rates, facilities and such other matters of vital interest to all fruit growers. A huge business was springing up here. Over two million trees had been set out. He thought that the Dominion commissioner, Mr. Robertson, should do more for them. Mr. Hutcherson thought that this official could only operate in foreign trade, and not in the inter-provincial field.

The comprehensive resolution of last year upon this subject, however, was passed again. The meeting then adjourned, to re-assemble at 9:30 this morning.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The subjects coming up to-day and at the remaining sessions of the institutes,

with the gentlemen having them in charge, are as follows:

Road Question, to be left until after road meeting; Noxious Weeds, F. J. Deane; and J. R. Johnson; Contagious Diseases, J. R. Anderson; Horticultural Act, E. Hutcherson; Coyotes, W. Raymur; Institute Literature, T. C. Oldershaw; Provincial Exhibits; Travelling Library; Transportation, F. J. Deane; Storage of Water, F. J. Deane; Dynamite, L. R. Authier; Municipal Loans, D. Graham; Mutual Fire Insurance, L. R. Authier; Birds, J. R. Anderson; Loans to Farmers, A. Philip; Competition and Cultivation; Thoroughbred Stock and Government Farms.

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